

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the cited full paragraphs as follows:

[0039] FIG. 5 is a schematic view of the invention, where the items are relatively displaced sidewardly on a V-shaped conveyor; ~~and~~

[0040] FIG. 6 is a diagram showing the measured data for the item boundary detection; ~~[[.]]~~ and

Please insert the following new paragraph:

[0040.1] FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a portion cutter using boundary markers embodying another aspect of the invention.